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#### SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$310,000

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## SETTLEMENT—Driver injured in collision when vehicle enters his lane

#### VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE

Motor Vehicle v. Motor Vehicle/Lane Change

#### **Riverside County Superior Court**

*Stanovich v. Clemons,* No. RCV43914, Rancho Cucamonga. Settlement date: 11/12/1999.

#### SETTLEMENT RESULT: \$310,000

#### COUNSEL Plaintiff: Scott J. Corwin, Law Offices of Scott J. Corwin, Los Angeles.

Defendant: None.

#### FACTS/CONTENTIONS

According to plaintiff: On June 4, 1999, plaintiff Terri Stanovich, a 47-year-old truck driver, was traveling westbound on the San Bernardino Freeway at about 50 mph in the number five lane of five lanes. Defendant Edwin Clemons, also traveling westbound at approximately 50 mph, was in the number four lane. Defendant changed into the number five lane, hitting the front of plaintiff's vehicle, causing it to spin out of control.

Plaintiff alleged defendant was negligent in the operation of a motor vehicle and that all of plaintiff's claimed injuries were a direct result of the accident. Defendant disputed the nature and extent of plaintiff's claimed injuries, taking the position initially that the impact was so minor that plaintiff could not have been injured in the accident.

Plaintiff's vehicle sustained \$1,200 in property damage.

Ferro Union Inc. was also named as a defendant in this case.

#### **CLAIMED INJURIES**

According to plaintiff: Cervical and lumbar strain and sprain injuries, requiring physical therapy; 4-5 mm disk protrusion at C6-C7, requiring future cervical surgery.

#### CLAIMED DAMAGES

According to plaintiff: \$900 past medical; \$50,000 future medical.

#### **S**ETTLEMENT **D**ISCUSSIONS

According to plaintiff: Plaintiff initially demanded \$375,000 and defendant made an initial offer of \$165,000.

### EXPERTS None.

COMMENTS

According to plaintiff: The case settled without the filing of a lawsuit.

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